

“For a Time Such as This”

“And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”
Esther 4:14

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13

There is a place for YOU

2008 Volunteer Opportunities at WMUMC

I. ADMINISTRATION

A - Office Volunteer – May work one or more days per week from 9:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 4:00pm.

F & G – TV Camera Operator – Operate the TV camera for the worship service. Requires arriving at least 15 minutes before the service begins.

II. WORSHIP SERVICES

A & B – Usher – Responsibilities include, handing out bulletins, greeting people, assisting late comers in finding seats, takes up offering, collecting attendance pads, assisting with any special needs that may come up at the service. All men & women are welcome.

H & I – Sound Operator – Operate the main sound board in the sanctuary during the worship service. Requires arriving at least 30 minutes before the service begins.

C & D – Greeters – Shake hands, smile & greet people as they come in the door, make them feel welcome, direct or give out information as best you can.

J – Computer Graphics – Prepare screen graphics to be used for the worship service on Sunday. Requires arriving at least 30 minutes before the service begins.

E – Acolyte Coordinator – Organizes & trains older children and youth to serve as acolytes at the 11:00am worship service.

K – Audio/Video Computer Editing – Editing the Video/Audio recordings of the service during the week for the requested copies of the services.

L – Serve on Altar Guild – Changes paraments and candle oil, at altar on a monthly, rotating basis.

M – Assist with Gathering Hall Refreshments – Light refreshments are served following the 8:30am service. Assistants organize volunteers and oversee this ministry.

N – Gathering Hall “Greeting Table” – Assist visitors with information about our church, hand out brochures, be a friendly place to find help.

O – Serve Communion – Assist pastors in serving communion during a worship service.

III. MUSIC

A – Lead/Assist Children’s Choirs – Children’s choirs meet Sunday evenings beginning in late August through the middle of May. Working with the ministers, a leader would plan & direct that choir.

B & C – Lead/Assist Handchimes and Handbells - The bells and chimes “flip-flop” with the children’s choirs every Sunday evening beginning late August and ending in the middle of May. Working with our music minister, a leader would plan the music and teach bell and chime playing. Leaders need a basic knowledge of reading music.

D – Orchestra Member - The playing ability of this group is at the high school level and above. The orchestra plays several times during the year and rehearses in late August through May on Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 6:00.

E – Adult Praise Choir Member – Rehearses at the same time as our children’s choirs on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00. This choir sings at the 11:00am service with the adult choir. They also sing at other times like Easter and Christmas.

F – Adult Choir Member – Rehearses weekly on Wednesday night at 6:30p.m. This group also sings at the 11:00a.m. service and at other times like Easter and Christmas.

G – Awesome Praise Band Member – The 6th – 8th grade contemporary Band meets on Sundays during the school year from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the gym. Adelaide Brooks is the director and the band offers opportunities for singers as well as instruments such as drums, keyboards, guitars and bass guitar. This group leads worship in the Lighthouse service twice in the fall and twice in the spring.

I – Youth Praise Band Member – The 9th – 12th grade contemporary band meets on Sundays during the school year from 4:45pm to 6:00pm in the sanctuary. The director is Steve Jeremias and this band offers opportunities for singers as well as instruments such as drums, keyboards, guitars and bass guitar. This group leads worship in the Lighthouse service twice in the fall and twice in the spring.

J – Piano/Organ Accompanist – Work with Dr. Betsy Curtis to assist in the music for the 11:00a.m. service

K – Solo Vocalist or Instrumentalist –
Work with Dr. Betsy Curtis to assist in the music for the 11:00a.m. service.

L – Play or sing in the Praise band –
Work with Steve Jeremias to assist in the music for Contemporary Worship Services.

M – Summer Men’s Chorus Member –
Work Dr. Betsy Curtis to assist with service music for the summer worship services.

IV. COLLEGE MINISTRIES

A – Teach a college level Sunday class –
Lead a college age group through today’s current issues as it relates to them when the Bible is added to the mix.

B – Host a dinner – Host a college age adult to dinner with you and your family. Allow them to see the warmth of Christ manifested through you and your home.

C – College Ministry Committee – Steer the course of the college ministries at Wesley. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

D – Be a Secret Saint – Adopt a college age adult. Correspond with them occasionally, send them unexpected little tokens through the mail, let them know you are praying for them regularly.

V. SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

A – Attend Young-At-Heart get-togethers – The first Wednesday of each month, except July, our Senior

Adults (55 and older) meet at 11:30am, in the gym for a covered dish lunch and program.

D – Senior Adult Trips -Once a month our Senior Adults go on a day trip to area attractions. Vans are provided for these outings.

E – Serve on the Senior Adult Council – This committee provides leadership for our Senior Adult programs. They also do the planning for the Wesley Good Timers events and the annual Senior Adult Christmas party.

G – Attend Wesley Good Timers get-togethers – Our Good Timers meet once a month in the evening for a meal and program.

VI. NURSERY MINISTRY

A & B - Work in the Nursery once per month – Care for babies, toddlers, or young children, while parents attend a worship service.

C – Work in the Nursery on a weekday or night – Care for babies for special events, such as circle groups, meetings, etc. This can be on a regular basis or just as needed.

E – Nursery Greeter – Greets children & parents as they come to the Nursery. Welcomes visitors and helps get them acquainted with the nursery. Volunteers would serve once a month.

VII. CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

A - Serve on Children’s Council - Provide leadership guide, provide input and ideas for our children’s

- ministry programs. Meet once every three months.
- B** - Teach Sunday School - For ages 2years up to 5th grade. They meet from 9:45am - 10:45am each Sunday. Teachers guide and direct the class. Materials and training are provided. Team teaching is possible (ex. - One month on, one month off).
- C**- Substitute Sunday School Teacher - Fill in when a teacher is absent. Materials are provided.
- D** - Work at Easter Egg Hunt - Various volunteer positions are needed on the Saturday morning before Easter. From egg stuffers, egg hiders, serve refreshments, help with the crafts, lead groups to stations, and more.
- E** - Work in Vacation Bible School - Usually held the end of June for children ages Kindergarten-5th grade. Volunteers are needed for crafts, snacks, games, music, and much, much more!
- G** - Drive a van for children's trips. - Be willing to drive a van for trips that our children take. Either around town or on a long trip.
- H & I** - Lead Extended Session Once a Month - Children ages 4 years - kindergarten are provided a special sermon time just for them right before the "adult sermon" begins in each service. Children leave the service and an adult volunteer leads these children in a Bible story and a simple activity or craft until church is over. Lead once per month. Materials are provided.
- J** - Children's Sermon Substitute - Lead the children at the 11:00 worship in a 5 minute "sermon time" in front of the church. You provide your own message.
- K** - Shepherd a Sunday School class - Shepherds are "extra hands" in our children's Sunday School classes. Shepherds help the teacher. No planning or teaching is involved. Can volunteer weekly or on shared basis.
- L** - Lead children's class for Wonderful Wednesdays - Lead an hour class for either preschool or elementary age children. Materials are provided. Small group setting.
- M** - Work with Upward Basketball - Our Upward Basketball league (boys and girls ages K-5) runs from December through February. Planning begins in October. Volunteers are needed for coaches, referees, prayer partners, & devotional leaders.
- N** - Serve on our Child Education Committee - Wesley's Child Education Center is our preschool, kindergarten, daycare, and after-school program. This committee provides leadership and makes decisions regarding these programs. Meet every other month; first Monday of the month.

VIII. YOUTH MINISTRIES

- A** - Teach/Assist teach Sunday School (Junior or Senior High) - Middle school and high school kids meet at 9:45 for a large group, then split off into age groups for deeper discussion and Bible study. Volunteers are

needed to lead the small groups or large group. Materials are provided.

D - Assist Pumpkin Patch sales - Each October our youth sell pumpkins to raise money to help offset the cost of various activities that they attend or support. Adults are needed to oversee the youth during these sales. Runs the entire month of October.

E - Coordinate or Provide UMY suppers - Each Sunday night our youth are provided a “snack” supper which is prepared by parents or other church members. A coordinator would organize these volunteers for the entire school year. Providers of the dinner can work alone or with partners, and are reimbursed for the food provided. Once or twice a year.

F - UMY Counselor (Jr. or Sr. High) - United Methodist Youth need volunteers to provide leadership during Sunday evening meetings and for trips, retreats and mission projects throughout the year.

G- Assist with UMY October Children’s Festival Party - The Monday before Halloween, the youth host a festival for the children of Wesley and the community. Volunteers are always needed to set up, clean up, sell hot dogs, etc.

H - Provide Transportation for UMY - Drive church vans or cars for trips.

I - Attend Summer UMY Mission Project - Participate in one or more of the summer mission projects. The projects include light construction, painting and various other duties.

J - Participate in Secret Prayer Partners - Adults pray for a youth throughout the school year. Small gifts, cards, etc. can be given at special times.

L - Participate in Chrysalis Flight (Grades 10-12) - A spiritual weekend designed for youth to bring you closer to God. If you’ve already attended a flight, you can help behind the scenes.

M - Teach a Youth Wonderful Wednesday Class (wide open topics) - Lead a small group gathering for youth. Topics are wide open.

IX. ADULT MINISTRIES

A - Teach/Assist teach Sunday School- Many adult classes meet each Sunday for Bible Study at 9:45am. Teachers guide and direct the lessons.

C - Participate in the Singles Ministry - Singles ministry includes all ages of singles. Participate in bible study, socials, etc.

D - Help to develop a single parent ministry - A single parent ministry is needed at Wesley. We’re looking for someone to lead it. It could be you!

E - Help to organize a new Sunday School class. - New adult classes are always needed as new members come into our church. Volunteers needed to organize and lead these classes.

G - Facilitate a Wonderful Wednesday Class - Wonderful Wednesdays are on Wednesday nights beginning in September and run through early spring. Family suppers are available and following that, classes on a wide variety of topics are offered. Leaders

are needed to lead these group. Studies can be short term, (8-10 weeks).

I - Teach a Disciple Bible Study Class - Disciple Bible runs from early September through May. Classes meet weekly for two hours. This is an intense study that digs deep into the Bible. It is helpful if leaders have taken the course before teaching.

M - Host a weekly "small group" - At special times during the year, small groups meet in homes for short-term studies. Homes provide the place and a light snack. Leading the study is optional.

X. EVANGELISM

A - Serve on Evangelism Committee - This involves serving for one year helping to plan and carry out the various projects of the committee.

B - Will bring one person to church in the next twelve months. - Statistics show that most people become involved in the life of a church because they were first invited by a friend.

C - Would like to learn more about witnessing about my faith - You would receive special notification of classes that will be taught for the purpose of helping people learn how to share their faith more effectively. Classes and times vary.

D - Will make three friendly visits a year - This involves making visits to at least three different people on behalf of the church.

E - Body Builders - Visit first time visitors on a rotating schedule. Usually visit 2 or 3 times a year. You are responsible for picking up the list of first time visitors following the worship services and making a "door step" visit, delivering a small gift and an informational brochure.

F - Be a Shepherd for New Members - New members are assigned a shepherd when they join the church. The shepherd stands with the person as they join the church, maintains contact monthly, and helps to get them involved in the life of the church.

G - New Member Photography - Responsible for taking photos of new members on the Sunday they join the church.

H - Confirmation Class Mentor - A mentor is assigned a confirmand to assist them in their faith development.

XI. MISSIONS

A - Serve on the Missions Committee - Serve for one year to help plan and carry out the goals of the missions committee.

B - Assist with Angel Tree - Helping to staff the Salvation Army angel tree, and the Methodist Home for Children angels during the Christmas season.

D - Serve on Adult Mission Projects - Projects could include anything from an overseas trip, local, or projects in the US. Planned at various times throughout the year with lots of different needs.

XII. LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- A - Coordinate athletic activities -
Coordinate all of the athletic activities of the church.
- B - Coach/Assistant Girls or Boys
Upward Basketball - Coaches are needed to lead teams ages K-1, 2-3, 4-6 both boys and girls, which begin practicing in December and play games in January and February. Coaches need to love children and want to see them come to know Jesus. A little basketball knowledge is helpful!

XIII. UNITED METHODIST MEN

- A - Join/participate in United Methodist Men - Any men of the church are welcome to join together for special meals and programs throughout the year. In October they have a fish fry, December an oyster roast and in February they sponsor a Valentine's banquet.

XIV. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- A, B, & C - Join/participate in United Methodist Women - UMW is an organization of women whose purpose is to know God, experience freedom as whole persons through Christ; develop a creative, supportive fellowship; expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. UMW is made up of seven circles (groups) that meet once a month. Some are held at night, some during the day and at various locations. If interested a circle leader will give you a call about the different groups and times.

- D - Work in Weekly Craft Group - Each Monday a craft group meets to make and prepare craft items for the annual bazaar held the last weekend of October. New members and new ideas are always welcome!

- E - Help with annual bazaar - The UMW annual bazaar is usually the last weekend of October. Help is always needed to set-up the day before, help with food preparation, make crafts and baked items and work the day of the bazaar.

- I - Assist with food for special events - UMW provides food and refreshments for many events through the year. Help is needed in preparation and organization.

XV. SCOUTING

- A & B - Cub Scout/ Boy Scout/ Girl Scout Leader - Wesley Memorial has a long history of scouting for over 50 years. Leaders are needed to provide our boys and girls with a quality program. Scouting programs are for children 1st grade and up.

XVI. CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- B - Mother Hubbards' Cupboard
Volunteer - Volunteers collect food during the food drive 4 times a year at local grocery stores. Also volunteers can work the cupboard, which gives out emergency food to people in need. Our church staffs every 3rd Wednesday and every 4th Saturday of each month. Times are 1:00-3:00pm each month.
- C- ARC Blood Drive Canteen Volunteer
- Serves refreshments to the volunteers who give blood at our blood drives.

D - Tutor in the Public Schools - Tutor one-on-one once a week for an hour with a first grader that has poor reading skills. All materials and training provided.

E - Hospice Volunteer

F - Disaster Response - Be available to go when needed to areas who've experienced a disaster, like hurricanes, floods, etc.

XVII. STEWARDSHIP

A - Assist with Stewardship Program - Assist in planning and executing an effective annual stewardship campaign and providing leadership in the areas of Christian stewardship.

XVIII. RELIGIOUS DRAMA

A - Participate in acting or writing for the drama team. Dramas are presented during the contemporary service and occasionally at special church events. Learn basic acting techniques and rehearse on a regular basis. No formal training or experience is necessary. Members should be willing to learn, take risks, be a part of the team, and humbly serve the church. Members should also be ready to share stories and faith with others. If you have a talent for writing and telling a good story, your talents may be used in this capacity. Some of the best dramas today are written by church members. Dramas allow people to find new meanings in familiar stories, gain a deeper understanding of scripture and see God in a new way.

B - Direct/Assist with drama skits - Anyone with experience in directing

skits or plays can be a huge learning resource for a growing drama team.

C - Prepare sets/costumes for skits - Many of our skits will be simple and require few props or costumes, However, special costumes, props and sets may be needed for special productions.

XIX. HANDS ON MINISTRY

A-H - Assist with many projects - Better titled "The Handyman." This ministry involves being able to fix things. Whether indoors or outdoors, there are all kinds of projects awaiting your service in a church of this size. Your gift to work with your hands and your know-how is from God and for His use.

XX. DEEPENING SPIRITUAL LIFE

A - Participate in daily devotions - In your own place, and own time with your choice of devotional material, you can deepen your spiritual life.

B - Maintain a daily prayer regimen - Pray daily for our church members and our church's ministries. Pray for the lost in our world that we may bring them into the kingdom.

H - Share a devotion at an Upward Basketball game - Share a 3 minute or less devotion at the half-time of a game. Can do it once or more. Games are Saturdays in January and February.

